



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Mixed Up With the Wood-Platt Divorce Suit

TRIED TO GET LETTERS

The Court Denied the Motion of Counsel for Platt to Dismiss the Complaint

WYNNE HAS NOTHING TO SAY

"I Was Gotten Into the Conspiracy by Powerful Officials Whom I Dared Not Dispelase From a Newspaper or Political Standpoint.

NEW YORK, May 19.—That high government officials at Washington tried to obtain possession of the love letters written by Senator Platt to Miss Mae C. Wood was stated in the testimony in today's trial of Miss Wood's suit for divorce from the aged Senator. The court denied the motion of counsel for Platt to dismiss the complaint. The statement bears the authorship of Martin J. Miller and Miss Wood, who though she did not see the signature affixed, was assured by Miller that it was genuine. The statement was prepared at her request, she testified. It declared that Miller was asked by high government officials at Washington and New York to get possession of Platt's love letters that the papers was not to be given to Platt, but were to be turned over to "Mr. Loeb at Washington" and that when the plan to get possession of the original papers failed, a scandal was begun in the newspapers to force Miss Wood to come to terms.

"Wynne, the first assistant postmaster general started the ball rolling by getting the New York newspaper to print an article as it first appeared," says the statement, which concludes "I was gotten into the conspiracy by powerful officials whom I dared not displease from a newspaper or political standpoint. I consulted Mr. Howe Platt's secretary frequently and acted at all times under the direction of Loeb and Platt.

Former assistant postmaster-general Wynne is now American consul-general in London. J. Martin Miller, formerly a newspaper man, recently was American consul at Rheims, France.

"Did Miller ever say anything to you about the letters?" asked the examining attorney of Miss Wood.

"Yes," she replied, "He said if he ever got the letters Platt would never get them."

"What was he going to do with them?"

"Hold them over Platt's head, I believe," she answered.

Secretary Loeb said tonight he knows nothing about the allegations contained in the statement signed by "J. Martin Miller" brought out in the Wood-Platt suit and so far as it concerned him Loeb says it was wholly untrue.

LONDON, May 19.—"I have absolutely nothing to say on this subject," was the emphatic reply of Robert J. Wynne, the American consul-general at London, when questioned tonight regarding the statement made by Mae Woods today in her divorce suit against Platt.

ST. PAUL, May 19.—Governor Johnson took his defeat in Alabama cheerfully and is quoted as saying it was nothing more than he expected.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

CHICAGO, May 19.—John Hamilton who claimed to have been a lieutenant of Infantry in the United States Army, was arrested here today on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. He is wanted by the police of Cincinnati, where he is said to have obtained money from various people by means of advertisements inserted in the newspapers.

REPORT ON CHARGES.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The special committee of the House, which has been investigating the charges brought by Representative Lilley of Connecticut, that improper methods had been used by the Electric Boat Company to influence submarine boat legislation in Congress, will submit a report to the House tomorrow at noon. It is likely that the remainder of the day will be consumed in reading the report and discussing it.

LOST PARTY FOUND.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 19.—G. W. Crawford and wife, Joseph Lester and Miss Gertrude Webster, who have been lost on Chuckanut Mountain since Sunday were found by a searching party early this morning on Oyster Creek, 12 miles southeast of Bellingham, hopelessly lost, nearly dead with fatigue and hunger, and without hope of ever being found. They will be brought to the city this afternoon. Shortly after they ascended the mountain a storm came up and all sight of the city and Puget Sound was lost. It rained almost continuously and the party could walk no further and the men decided to stay with them instead of trying to save themselves.

MRS. GUNNESS DEAD

Upper and Lower Bridges of False Teeth Found

IDENTIFIED BY DR. NORTON

The Coroner Stated That he Would Render an Official Finding That the Burnt Female Body Was That of Mrs. Gunness.

LA PORTE, May 19.—That Mrs. Bella Gunness died in the flames which destroyed her home on April 28 was conclusively shown today when the searcher in the ruins discovered the upper and lower bridges containing the false teeth of the woman.

The lower set of teeth tally exactly with the description and diagram furnished by Dr. Norton, the dentist who built the bridge and who today identified the teeth positively as those of Mrs. Gunness. In view of this unmistakable evidence including the finding one week ago of rings belonging to the murderess, Coroner Mack stated today that he would render an official finding that the burnt adult female body was that of Mrs. Gunness. Tonight a few skeptical persons remain and their argument is that Mrs. Gunness after killing the children and setting fire to the house threw her teeth in the fire.

WANT INDUSTRY PROTECTED.

MONTREAL, May 19.—The striking cotton mill workers last evening deposed President Giganac, who opposed the present strike, and Emil Ouellette was elected in his stead. The counsel also appointed a delegation to wait upon Rudolphe Lemieux, Federal Minister of Labor, tomorrow and notify him that he was expected to settle the strike at once by seeing that the cotton industry was given a measure of protection sufficient to allow the manufacturers to meet the competition of the United States mills and pay living wages to their employees.

STEAMING NORTHWARD

The Fleet Is Fast Nearing Here

POSITION BY WIRELESS

At Midnight the Battleships Were Well Up the Coast, North of Coos Bay

FIFTEEN MILES OFF SHORE

It is Experiencing Heaviest Weather it Has Encountered Since Starting on the Entire Cruise—It is Making 13 Knots an Hour.

SPECIAL TO THE ASTORIAN.

May 19.—From battleship fleet by wireless, via North Head Wireless Station.—The battleship fleet at midnight (the 19th) was about 15 miles off the Oregon coast and 20 miles north of Coos Bay. It is encountering the heaviest weather it has experienced on the entire cruise, but are steaming at the rate of 13 knots an hour at which rate it will be off the Columbia river soon after noon tomorrow (20th).

PRELATES NAMED.

CHICAGO, May 19.—The sub-committee on arrangements for the republican national committee have announced that the following clergymen have agreed to deliver the opening prayer on the first three days of the convention: Bishop Muldoon, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Chicago will officiate on the opening day. Rev. Wm. O. Waters of Grace Episcopal Church of Chicago will deliver the invocation on the second day and Rev. Wesley Hill of the Metropolitan Temple of New York on the third day. Arrangements have thus far been made only with the three clergymen.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS.

FRESNO, Cal., May 19.—The California democratic state convention which assembled yesterday closed its session late today after electing four delegates at large to the national convention at Denver and adopting resolutions instructing the entire delegation to vote as a unit for Bryan's nomination, first, last and all the time. The platform opposes monopolies, deplors railroad activity in state politics; favors extended powers for the interstate commerce commission; favors municipal control of public utilities; exclusion of Asiatic labor; advocates tariff revision and the vigorous enforcement of the anti-trust laws; the conservation of the natural resources and the abolition of child labor.

BOTH CLAIM A MAJORITY.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 19.—With both the Bryan and the anti-Bryan forces claiming the control of the majority of the delegates conference gathering, promises to be one of the liveliest ever held by the democratic party in this state. Bryan supporters are demanding of the convention that four delegates at large to Denver be instructed for Bryan. Colonel Guffey, a National Committeeman, is opposed to them being instructed for anyone.

FIRST GOVERNOR OF N. Y.

Body Will be Brought from Washington to be Buried in Kingston.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Arrangements for the reception of the body of Governor Clinton, the first executive of the State of New York, have been perfected. The body will arrive in Jersey City from Washington at midnight on May 27 and on the following morning will be transferred to the Battery by the United States gunboat Mohawk. Here the body will be received by an escort composed of United States soldiers, sailors and marines, the old guard and various patriotic organizations. The National Guard will not be asked to parade because of the demands made upon it by the Memorial day exercises and the summer maneuvers. The coffin will be brought to the Governor's room in the City Hall and will there lie in state.

On May 29 the body will be borne to Kingston, N. Y., the governor's birthplace, by a United States gunboat, escorted by a flotilla of small naval craft. On Memorial day, David B. Hill will deliver on address, commemorating the achievements of the first governor. The final interment, will be, however, postponed till Monday, June 1, and will form part of the exercises connected with the 250 anniversary of the founding of the city of Kingston.

REQUIEM MASS.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Funeral services were held here today over the body of Archbishop Peter Bourgade of Santa Fe. Requiem mass was celebrated by Archbishop Quigley and the body was shipped to Santa Fe for interment.

SHE WANTED TO DIE

Tries to Kill Herself When Sentenced to Jail

INHALING ILLUMINATING GAS

Jennie Blunt Shot Sanford Last February Declaring he Had Maltreated Her—He Recovered and She Was Sentenced to Four Years in Jail.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Jennie Blunt, the young woman who yesterday was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary by Judge Oike in Brooklyn for shooting Charles M. Sanford, a lawyer, came very near cheating the law today. She was found unconscious in her cell from inhaling gas. Her life was saved by prompt action of a physician.

When Jennie was sentenced yesterday after a scathing arraignment, she declared that she would kill herself rather than serve the sentence. Early today a matron passing her cell detected the odor of gas. The prisoner was found lying unconscious, a tube from an pen gas jet clenched between her teeth.

Jennie Blunt shot Sanford last February, declaring he had maltreated her. Sanford hung between life and death for weeks, but finally recovered. He denied the charges made against him. She was convicted, and in imposing sentence Judge Dick denounced her as the most dangerous type of blackmailer, who, failing in her attempt to extort money, would have pursued her victim to his death.

FLEET INVITED.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—An invitation from the City of Hobart, Tasmania, to have the battleship fleet visit that place on its trip around the world, has been declined, as its acceptance would interfere with arrangements already made for the voyage.

CAR STRIKE BATTLES

Suburban Car Fired On By Rioters

TWO GUARDS WOUNDED

Second Car Soon Followed the First and Was Burned to the Trucks

POLICE SENT TO QUELL RIOT

A Car Ran Over a Little Girl and Killed Her—The Motorman Ran His Car Several Blocks Before Stopping.

CLEVELAND, May 19.—The most violence of the street car strike which has been on here since Sunday occurred in Lakewood, a suburb, tonight, when four men were wounded by bullets one car burned and another partially wrecked. Trouble has been anticipated and the first car run into Lakewood carried no passengers. When it stopped before the railway bridge, a crowd which had been lying in wait leaped from their hiding places and opened fire on the crew and guards. Two guards returned the fire and more than 30 shots were exchanged. While the shooting was in progress, the crowd grew to nearly a thousand. Another car arrived and its crew joined in the fight. Gasoline was poured on the second car and it was burned to the trucks. The Cleveland police were notified and 60 officers were sent to the rescue. The first car was riddled with bullets and the windows broken, proceeded to the barn. Motor Elsholz was shot in the leg. John Gray and J. Alexander, guards on the second car were shot in the chest and Mace Burlingame, who was in the crowd which made the attack, was shot in the hand. All were taken to the hospital where they were reported to be seriously wounded.

An earlier disturbance occurred in the down town district when Yatta Wolkinson, a little girl was killed by a car while attempting to cross the street. As soon as he realized what he had done, the motorman speeded the car several blocks, the police were notified. The conductor sought refuge in a nearby drug store. The crowd attempted to reach him while the others attempted to catch the fleeing car. The police arrived just in time to save the conductor at whom the mob were yelling "Lynch him, lynch him." By mistake two morgue keepers had been called, one took the head which had been severed from the body and the other took the body. The frantic parents were trying to gain possession of the body inflamed the mob spirit and more serious trouble was narrowly averted by the police. While the car service is slightly improved today, the general situation appeared so serious tonight that the possibility of a speedy settlement is regarded as somewhat remote.

SPEECH REHEARSED.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—A Democratic speech prepared for circulation in the coming political campaign was delivered in the Senate today by Taylor of Tennessee. Taylor devoted his attention chiefly to the tariff and currency policies of the Republican party but also discussed many other issues that will be prominent on the stump next fall. The Senate agreed to a conference report on agriculture bill carrying a total \$11,670,000.

TAMMANY DELEGATES.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Tammany Hall will be represented at the democratic national convention at Denver by a delegation 650 strong. Five special trains have been engaged and accommodations for the entire party have been secured in Denver hotels. It is estimated that the cost of the trip to the Tammany delegation will be at least \$100,000. Each man will pay his own expenses.

GIFTS TO VESSELS.

WASHINGTON, Bay 19.—By the provisions of a bill passed by the house, the secretary of the navy is authorized to accept and care for gifts such as silver services presented to vessels of the navy.

BIG FIRE IN WRAY, COLO.

WRAY, Colo., May 19.—Fire, presumably of incendiary origin, last night burned every building except one for a block on the west side of Main street and caused a loss of \$60,000.

BASEBALL SCORE.

At Seattle—Seattle 9, Aberdeen 0.
At San Francisco—Los Angeles 2, San Francisco 0.
At Spokane—Butte 3, Spokane 4.

REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—A republican conference will be held tonight to determine the attitude of the majority in the House towards the passage at this session a law to restrict the courts in issuing injunctions as demanded by the labor leaders.

KILLED THE BABIES

Cuts the Throats of His Children With a Razor

WIFE WAS TERRIBLY BEATEN

William J. Hanna a Well-to-do Plumber Made Crazy by Drink Tries to Murder His Whole Family—Plucky Wife Grapples With Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—William J. Hanna, a well to do plumber living at 1114 Tennessee street, cut the throats of his babies, Burton, a boy aged 1 year, and Bernice, a 2-year-old girl, with a razor, at an early hour today and both will probably die. He then invaded the apartment occupied by his wife and three older children, two girls and a boy, aged, respectively, 4, 5 and 7 years.

"I've killed the two babies!" he shouted. "I'm going to kill all the rest of you now." Mrs. Hanna jumped from her bed and grappled with the armed maniac. In the struggle to prevent him carrying out his threat she was frightfully beaten about the head and face, but managed to hold her husband until all of the children, clad only in their night robes, fled out into the street. Then she ran from him and followed them.

Hanna then locked himself in the room with his two victims. The police broke down the door and found him holding up by the leg the baby boy whose throat he had cut, and just in the act of drawing his razor blade across the throat for a second time. Lying upon the bed with her throat cut from ear to ear by Baby Bernice. Her wound was a ghastly one, but she was still alive and she, with her baby brother Burton, who was rescued from the grasp of his father, were hurried to the Potrero Emergency Hospital. They are not expected to recover.

Hanna, who was overpowered and handcuffed, is said by the police to have been crazed by drink when he committed the deed.